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PATENT APPLICATION  
10/780,016

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Wolfgang Bloching et al.  
Serial No.: 10/780,016  
Date Filed: February 17, 2004  
Group Art Unit: 2834  
Examiner: Budd, Mark Osborne  
Title: **ACTUATOR ACTING AS A DRIVE UNIT FOR AN  
INJECTOR AND METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION  
OF SAID INJECTOR**

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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

This paper is filed in response to the election/restriction requirement dated December 2, 2004. The Examiner is requiring an election of one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-17, drawn to a piezoelectric actuator.
- II. Claims 18-20, drawn to a method of manufacturing a piezoelectric transducer.

Applicants hereby elect with traverse to prosecute Group I, Claims 1-17. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application for the cancelled claims (Claims 18-20) at a later date.

**CONCLUSION**

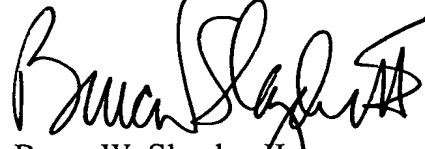
Applicants have now made an earnest effort to place this case in condition for examination. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims.

Applicants enclose a Petition for Extension of Time (one month) and a check in the amount of \$120.00 for the extension fee. Applicants believe no additional fees are due, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2148 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

If there are any matters concerning this Application that may be cleared up in a telephone conversation, please contact Applicant's attorney at 512.322.2606.

Respectfully submitted,

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